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1. TRADE UNION LEADERS MET WITH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ON JANUARY 30 TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATIONS ON PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION OF JANUARY 29 REGARDING NEW GOVERNMENT TO BE APPOINTED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. IN LETTER TO PRESIDENT FOLLOWING THIS MEETING, TRADE UNION LEADERS POINTED OUT THEY HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE TRANSITIONAL NATURE OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, NO REFERENCE TO A RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE, AND NO CALENDAR FOR

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THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLITICAL REFORMS. NEVERTHE-

LESS, AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, TRADE UNIONS
HAD DECIDED TO "SUSPEND" THE INSTRUCTIONS PREVIOUSLY
ISSUED TO THEIR MEMBERS FOR A GENERAL STRIKE ON
FEBRUARY 3, 4, AND 5.

3. COMMENT: PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL
SO FAR IN HIS BALANCING ACT BETWEEN THE TRADE UNIONS
AND THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. THE CRUNCH WILL COME
WHEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS ANNOUNCED.
IF SOME OF THE CONTROVERSIAL MILITARY FIGURES,
PARTICULARLY MINISTER OF FINANCE GARANGO AND MINISTER
OF PLAN DAKOURE, ARE INCLUDED IN THE NEW TEAM, THE TRADE
UNIONS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CEASE THEIR COOPERATION WITH
THE PRESIDENT.
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